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**Subject:** RE: PR-ORD-21-01887  
**Attachments:** 10005613 Proposal FE.pdf

Mr. Yates,

Russell Walker just forwarded your email below to me. I will be the responsible Contracting Officer supporting Michelle Schwalbe (copied on this email).

I believe that the questions below are technical in nature and should be addressed Michelle directly. I will work with Michele to support your request for a meeting to discuss the points listed below.

I believe that Wednesday (today) may not be possible but I will defer to Michele as to her availability on Friday.

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**From:** Yates, William <Yates.William@epa.gov>  
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Good morning Russell,

I would like to setup a TEAMS meeting so we can go over your proposal for the referenced PR. There were some comments/concerns that was brought up by the program office. With the holiday looming this week, I would like to setup some time on Wednesday if you have time on your calendar for you and those who may want to attend the meeting. If Wednesday will not work for you, we can setup some time on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>. The following are the main areas of concern:

- (1) The workplan does not include "equitable" urban sustainability, as was included throughout the PWS. Neither does the workplan include the following (from PWS page 3 for example, and elsewhere):
  - Optimizing work plans given constrained resources, a changing climate and social factors
  - Exploring the potential equity and socioeconomic impacts of investment choices including recent trends to make equity central to sustainability efforts.
  - Analyzing how communities engage and interact with new uses of data and technology, including exploring relevant ethical issues around the use of data

- Ensuring transparency and public participation in use of data that supports public works decision making
- (2) Also, the planning committee should include experts in the humanities, social sciences and public policy, and stakeholders who make use of research related to equity and sustainable resources, as was listed in PWS on the top of Page 3. The workshop participants should have the same expertise as the planning committee (see top of Page 4 in the PWS).
- (3) Finally, the workplan should include consideration of how to incorporate preferences and behavior of local inhabitants to advance community goals, as part of equitable investment prioritization.

If you can get back to me and let me know the email addresses of those who should attend for NAS, I will include them in the invite. Thanks.

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